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BRUNEN GIRL CAUSES SENSATION AT TRIAL

Mohr and Wife in Dramatic Attacks Upon Accuser of Former.

CROWD JOINS UPROAR

Police Guard Daughter of Circus Man When She Quits Stand.

ATTORNEY BREAKS DOWN

Witness Tells of Trip to City That Turned Her Against Step-mother.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 13.—Hazel Brunen created so much excitement to-day while testifying in the trial of Mrs. Doris Brunen and Harry C. Mohr for the murder of her father, John Brunen, that the lawyer for the defense broke down, court had to be adjourned, the attendants twice had to suppress disturbances, and Mohr's wife was ejected from the court room, screaming as she was carried out that she would "get that Hazel yet!" And through it all Hazel Brunen, 18 years old, sat calmly on the witness stand and denounced her step-mother and Mohr as the murderers.

The sensation of the case came after Attorney Walter H. Keown, counsel for Mrs. Brunen and Mohr, had cross-examined the girl for some time, shouting questions at her and quite evidently playing on her emotions until she was on the edge of hysterics. Finally he asked her why she had turned against Mrs. Brunen and Mohr after having shown a friendly feeling for them for some time after they were arrested and accused of the murder.

The girl leaned forward.

Saw Mother's Family.
"So you want to know, do you?" she demanded. "Well, I'll tell you. I went to New York and saw my own mother's people and learned from them that Doris had taken my father from my real mother and I turned against her for that reason. Then I heard Charles Powell's confession from his own lips and after that I turned against them all—Doris, Harry Mohr, Mattie and Doris's mother. I began to realize that they had conspired to kill my father."

"What was your old step-grandmother doing that you should turn against her?" Keown asked.

"She might have known something about it for all I know," the girl retorted.

During the time the girl had been testifying Mohr sat in his chair, obviously controlling himself with difficulty. But when she said this he jumped to his feet and shook his fist at her.

"You lie!" he shouted. "You lie!"

Mrs. Mohr Chimes In.

Court officers seized him and forced him back into his seat, but immediately his wife, Mrs. Beattie Mohr, jumped up and screamed:

"Hazel, don't you say that about my mother-in-law, you dirty, little street tramp. Dot (Mrs. Brunen) picked you out of the gutter!"

Spectators began rising throughout the court room, shouting for whichever side they favored, and court attendants had difficulty in making them sit down.

Other attendants seized Mrs. Mohr and forced her to leave the room. She struggled, shouting that she would "get Hazel yet." She was sent to an upper room and searched, but had no weapons.

When Hazel went home after court adjourned a policeman went with her until she was in a place of safety. Mrs. Mohr will not be permitted in the court room again unless she is needed as a witness.

When order was restored Lawyer Keown found that his nerves were so shaken that he could not continue the examination, so an adjournment was taken.

Girl Describes Quarrels.

The incident appeared to affect Mrs. Brunen considerably. She was also very much agitated when Hazel, in direct testimony, told of the quarrels Brunen had with his wife. The girl referred especially to one last Christmas. She had married William Parkstrom, a non-tamer, and run away with him, together with the step-mother. Later Brunen found them in Hoboken. Hazel, with her husband and Mrs. Brunen, the girl testified, with "Doc" Ward, formerly superintendent of the Brunen Mighty Doris shows.

"Doris shot at father several times,

and then threw her gun away," the girl testified. "Then he shot at her, but her corset saved her. Doris did not press a charge against him and he was released."

Hazel testified that on the afternoon of the day her father was killed with a shotgun fired through a kitchen window, Mattie Mohr, Harry's sister, was at the Brunen home.

"I heard Doris tell her," the girl said, "that she need not be surprised to get a phone message that father was killed."

"The night father was killed," the girl testified, "I was at the movies with Doris's mother. When I got home Doris was telling me about what she did before the murder, and said she was in the back yard emptying the garbage. Later she told County Detective Parker that she was in the yard putting the dog in the cellar. The dog was usually kept in the kitchen."

MELLON URGES BUYING OF SAVINGS SECURITIES

His Report Recommends Off-Reports by Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A considerable portion of the annual report of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is devoted to Government savings securities, which have become a permanent feature of the Treasury operations. It says:

"The sale of Government savings securities has continued throughout the year with results which clearly demonstrate the usefulness and increasing attractiveness of this class of securities. The various offerings of savings securities have given to all classes of people, no matter how small their means, an opportunity to invest in the obligations of their Government, and more important still, the publicity given to these offerings has carried the message of economy and thrift into every city, town and hamlet in the country, and there are fewer homes in which the securities, in greater or lesser amounts, may not be found."

The continued sale of these securities has been of material aid to the Government in the financing of its current requirements, and at the same time has increased the prosperity and well-being of those who have saved and bought them."

Treasury savings certificates are issued in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$1,000, and sold to investors at \$25.50, \$50.50 and \$82.50. They mature five years from date of issue, and if held until that time they yield about 4 percent interest, compounded semi-annually. They may be redeemed at any time after one month, paying interest on the money invested at the rate of 3 percent, simple interest.

Mellon advised holders of war savings certificates to exchange them as they become due for treasury savings securities.

BORAH BILL INCREASES COAL BOARD'S POWERS

Provides Fine and Jail for Making False Reports.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.

To expedite the work of the United States Coal Commission, Senator Borah (Idaho) to-day introduced a bill to obtain information relative to the interstate commerce in coal through questionnaires to be submitted to operators, dealers and others connected with the coal industry.

A fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year or both is provided in the Borah amendment to be imposed upon any person who shall be found guilty of making any false entry or statement of fact in any written answer or report called for by the commission.

APGAR DENIES NEWARK KLAN HAS CHARTER

Refutes Claim of New Branch With 1,500 Members.

District Kleagle Apgar of the New Jersey Ku Klux Klan, with offices in Hoboken, denied yesterday that his organization had granted any charter to the so-called George Washington Klan, which attempted to establish itself in Newark recently.

The Klan, or a confessed branch of it, advertised in the Newark newspapers Tuesday that there was to be a charter granted to George Washington Klan, No. 3, of the Invisible Empire that night. Publicity was welcomed. Reporters at the Klan grove were entertained at length by a tall, hooded figure who styled himself as District Kleagle. He said that he had obtained the charter in Georgia and that the George Washington Lodge was but one of forty in Newark and that it had a membership of 1,500 and a waiting list of 400.

Yesterday District Kleagle Apgar, who rules over New Jersey, denied that any person had the right to grant charters in that State except himself. The George Washington Klan, he said, had received no charter.

DOLLAR BACK TO NORMALCY.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—For the first time in more than three and a half years the dollar to-day dropped to par on the Amsterdam Bourse, says a dispatch from Amsterdam.

NEW INVESTIGATION IS ON IN HALL CASE

Secret, Independent Investigation in New Brunswick and Somerville.

UNDERWORLD COMBED

Justice Parker Visits Court House, Dismisses Old Grand Jury.

TO PRESENT CASE AGAIN

Officials Say Fresh Evidence Will Compel Going Before New Panel.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 13.—Two new and unusual developments to-day in the Hall-Mills case tend to bear out the statements of local and State authorities that the investigation of the double murder is by no means at an end.

The developments were: The visit to Somerville of Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Parker to address the September Grand Jury, which he dismissed later, and the discovery that a secret inquiry along entirely different lines is being conducted both in New Brunswick and in Somerville.

Justice Parker's action, while regular, was a surprise to officials there and caused quite a stir. It is customary for the Grand Jury panel to be dismissed by the county Judge, Frank L. Cleary.

Azariah M. Beckman, prosecutor of Somerset county, said that he had not expected Justice Parker, and that the latter had come to Somerville without any request from him. He added that he did not know whether the visit had anything to do with the Hall-Mills case, and he was not present when Justice Parker addressed the panel. None of the jurors would talk about Justice Parker's remarks.

The September Grand Jury, which refused to return an indictment on the evidence that Prosecutors Mott and Beckman offered several weeks ago, was formally dismissed and the new panel will be called next Tuesday. It is generally understood that the case will be placed before that body, and that the members of the prosecutor's staff of both counties then will offer some new evidence that did not have any part in the presentation to the September panel. Bearing out the statements of Chief Detective David, Prosecutor Stricker of Middlesex and other officials that the case was being followed up diligently, the information that investigators were working in certain parts of this city was verified to-night.

Some annoyance is displayed in certain circles here at the tenacity of the officials and the newspapers in continuing work on a case that many persons believe is closed and sealed. This annoyance is expressed usually in the form of joking.

Interest, however, picked up to-night because several persons had been "interviewed" and some investigators were hard at work along new lines of inquiry.

This investigation had its center in the underworld here, some of whose denizens were engaged in earnest discussion with the new investigators. Certain persons heretofore connected with the case only remotely were also interviewed.

The State troopers who were working under Lieut. James P. Mason, have not returned and apparently no other members of the State constabulary have been sent here. Prosecutor Mott is still ill and he has evidently done no work in the case since his collapse before the Somerset Grand Jury three weeks ago.

It was definitely established through semi-official sources to-day that the case will be presented to the new jury. It is understood that the nature of some new evidence will make this imperative.

UNION CHIEF MAKES RUSH AT A BUILDING LEADER

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fusion of concrete men and brick workers he said:

"The cement industry had the fight of its life twenty years ago to get into this city because the bricklayer would not permit him to come in. Ever since that time, in order to keep the privilege of erecting buildings of their material, it has been necessary for them to be free of international laborism."

T. A. McWhinney, Assemblyman, regarded the pressure Mr. Norman was alleged to have used upon the locals as "blackjacking."

By dint of much persuasion, Mr. Untermyer finally drew pledges from the three concrete business agents to recommend affiliation with the International to their adherents. The three were Peter A. Cassidy, Local 29; Joseph Froeschel, Local 16, and Joseph Migliore, Local 6.

Real Boss of Workmen.

Froeschel said he received \$50 a week and \$25 for "carfare," and his members do what they are told. Migliore, on the other hand, protested he received no allowance for expenses, his local being "very hard, very thick—yes, a tough local. Nor could he venture to speak for his members in advance. He said:

"My local is all of Italians. Mr. Untermyer! They are going to kill me if I say 'You go to do this.' I don't want to lose my life!"

Mr. Untermyer throughout the day sounded the various witnesses on feasibility of State regulation of labor unions, for which the committee purposes to seek enabling legislation. Milton Schnaier of the Master Plumbers Association and Frederick Dalgan, general secretary of the Plumbers Union, expressed approval. Michael J. Colaneri, secretary of the Masters Union, and particularly Tom B. Clark, president of the Building Trades Council and business agent of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, opposed

the plan on the ground that labor could regulate itself.

Mr. Untermyer taxed Mr. Clark with various alleged abuses of which his union was guilty, such as excluding new members by setting entrance requirements that its own members would likely be unable to pass. He placed on the stand William Siegfried, an electrician of fifteen years' standing, who said he had passed the city examination as master electrician. He had paid the \$5 initiation into Clark's union and had taken the examination but had been unable to learn for four months whether he had passed. Meanwhile he had been unable to get employment for lack of a card, he said.

Mr. Clark explained it as a "mistake" that he would investigate. He insisted upon the ability of unions to clean house whenever there was occasion and attacked regulation as too often an entering wedge for exploitation. Assemblyman McWhinney charged:

"Mr. Clark, you and men like you are the greatest enemies of labor to-day, and if you don't change your way out will do more injury to labor than any other man in the city or State of New York. Now let me tell you so!"

Milton Schnaier read from schedules to show that when a firm sent a plumber to a private house it was the practice to charge as high as \$15 for his services.

Change in Workmen's Insurance.

Revolutionary reorganization by carriers of workmen's compensation insurance was announced by Albert W. Whitney, associate general manager of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters. During last week's meeting of the National Insurance Commissioners' convention in the Hotel Astor, he said, agreements had been reached whereby carriers had voluntarily submitted to a new State control.

The hearing was adjourned indefinitely. The committee will hold an executive meeting to-day at Mr. Untermyer's office, 129 Broadway, at 2 P. M.

ship of subway and curbs blancher for the city to develop a bus system, Comptroller Craig's "birch bark" charter will receive the Mayor's O. K.

The committee of the whole approved the issuance of \$1,500,000 corporate stock to lay a 36 inch water pipe system at Rockaway Beach. The board will authorize the expenditure at its meeting to-morrow.

OPPOSE FRUIT RESTRICTION.

The Merchants Association foreign trade committee on plant quarantine will ask the Federal Commercial Board of the Department of Agriculture in Washington on December 19 not to restrict or prohibit importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from foreign countries on account of Mediterranean fruit flies, which are all legged pests.

MAYOR BUSY DRAFTING HOME RULE MEASURE

Legislative Program Includes Broad Traction Plank.

Mayor Hylan is devoting his spare time to preparations of a home rule bill and other legislation affecting the city which he will have presented to the Legislature at its next session. At a meeting of the Board of Estimate, committee of the whole, yesterday the Mayor said he is "mapping out a legislative program."

He did not go into particulars, but it is understood that the program includes a traction measure for municipal ownership.

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